

DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below), or the below named inventors are the original, first, and joint inventors (if more than one name is listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "NUCLEIC ACID LADDERS", the specification of which:

- is attached hereto.
 was filed on July 11, 2000 as Application Serial No. 09/613,903.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119, or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, United States provisional application(s), inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, any foreign application for patent, United States provisional application(s), inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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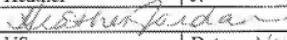
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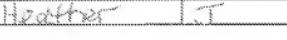
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